

## EMSAAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2000  
Clarion Hotel

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** (Osuri) 0910. Closed meeting after lunch to discuss Vision Process and Governance. Meeting Times was added to the agenda.
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes** (Osuri) Andriese/Baucom/c to approve the minutes of January 25, 2000. Drew/Andreise/c to approve minutes of the March 1, 2000 Board conference call.
- III. **Treasurer/Membership Report** (Drew) If AV adjuncts are needed for the meeting please notify ASAP. Lunch count is also very important and must be confirmed by the published deadline. Baucom/Karsteadt/c to accept Treasurer's report.

Baucom/Karsteadt/c to approve Erica Beedle's application for membership. Baucom/Karsteadt/c to approve Calstar's associate membership pending notice of the individual that will represent them. If active member moves to status precluding active membership, but membership is paid, they are moved to associate status for remainder of the membership. Can an agency, that pays dues for a member, replace that member if they leave during the term of membership? Karsteadt/Lynch/c that Drew return with a policy for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

### Old Business

#### IV. **Committee/Grant Project Reports**

*Legislative--(Pletz)* Summary and specific bills provided (summary attached); AB 2758—(LIH trauma centers can have decreased level of staffing). Committee recommends oppose position, discouraging legislation of items currently in regulation. Opposition is to process, not content. Baucom/Hastings/c to oppose this bill. Discussion ensued with Spiess supporting the bill and its impact on the NorCal region. The opposition position would go to the bill sponsor with a letter speaking to the issues.

AB 2469—(EMSA to approve fire apprentice training program). Committee recommends a watch position as procedure allows them to operate under Fire Marshall. Watch. AB 2611—(hospital emergency call panels) Committee recommends support of issue. Hastings/Karsteadt/c to support the concept, support if amended as the bill needs to be more inclusive. SB 1761—(DHS to evaluate feasibility of placing AEDs in state buildings). Lynch/Baucom/c to support. AB 256 (CLIA proposal for laboratory directors) no help, LA opposes. (Tsargis) content is in regulation, emergency implementation, no need to duplicate with statute.

*Disaster Grant* (Buchanan) Interim report will go to all soon, requesting that EMSAAC consider a formal position on this item. To be agendaized for next meeting.

*Education* (Becker) see attachment.

*Trauma Task Force* (Karsteadt) meeting scheduled for June.

*Nominating Committee* (item deferred to afternoon session) (Baucom) Nominations list distributed and nominations opened to the membership. Baucom removed his name due to personal considerations. Coxon nominated McPhearson for member-at-large. Hamilton

nominated Karsteadt for member-at-large. Pletz nominated Jones for Treasurer. Pletz nominated Petrie for member-at-large. Karsteadt/Lynch/c to accept and close nominations.

*EMSC* (Pletz) committee met last week, doing 5 year strategic planning. Conference will be on Nov 9, 10 in San Diego, with a strong clinical focus. Two days before this conference is the rollout of new PEP training program.

*EMT-I Task Force* (Osur) minutes of the meeting attached.

Other: *CLEAR Training* (Andreise) training is scheduled for Oct 2,3,4. EMSAAC is a co-sponsor, McSherry (EMSA) will have information available soon.

**V. Vision Committee Reports**

*Funding--*(Frenn) requesting EMSAAC position on the committee progress. Document is attached, please review and provide input toward a position on this document at the next meeting or conference call.

*Governance*—minutes are attached, see discussion under new business.

*Education/Personnel*—no report

*System Review and Data*—see item IX, below.

*Access*—no report.

*Prevention*—(LaPolla) The committee is working on a program registry for prevention activities and with the Data and Education committees to assure that training includes prevention activities.

- VI. **Bylaws Committee** (Drew) Review of editorial changes and the vote that occurred (66 active members, 22 votes, 21 said yes). (Burch) Is the purpose of the association to represent EMS agencies or the persons who work in them? Should there be additional categories of membership? Drew/Karsteadt/c that the bylaws committee review the articles of incorporation and compare with EMDAC, CSAC. Drew suggests a review of ballot and election procedures is indicated, recommending that the slate be presented and nominations taken at the March meeting, preceding the ballot distribution by April 15.

- VII. **New Board Member** (Hamilton) Ballots for the special election to replace a member-at-large were mailed in February. Daniel Lynch, EMS Administrator of Fresno, Kings, Madera is the new Board member.

- VIII. **EMSAAC Conference 2000** (Osur) The conference is set for June 7-9 in Palm Springs. Registration and conference information is available at 9-11.com.

**New Business**

- IX. **Vision Group D**—(Karsteadt) presented the workplan and requested endorsement by EMSAAC. (Ardreise) as chair of this committee presented additional detail. Pletz/Baucom/c to fully endorse the draft action plan as written.

- X. **Governance discussion** (closed mtg) The Local Commission piece is the area of most discussion and is unchanged from the January distribution. Its limitations were reviewed: it is an initial

laundry list, refers to the prehospital piece only, medical control issues are not affected. Definitions and differentiation between medical control and operational issues are crucial. The following concerns were discussed: system fragmentation, finances, legal issues, the need for committee members to represent the position of the agency or group they are representing on the committee, methods for interaction, defining key issues for various groups, the responsibility organizations have to determine and immortalize the direction of their organization related to the content under consideration, the need for EMSAAC to identify the principles that should be supported, the need for a variety of models, mandated implementation vs discretionary implementation, conflict of interest, antitrust violations, chain of command issues. Several lawyers are reviewing the issue and will provide opinions. At this point the EMSAAC position is as reflected in Inch's letter to the committee. Three choices are currently available—a JPA, an EMCC with changes, or a new code allowing the commissions.

Drew/Pletz/c that all information from this meeting will be positive and will refer to Inch's letter. Drew/Karsteadt/c to formulate a draft position on governance, based on the comments above, to be sent to active members for input. Drew/Jones/c for the Board to communicate with all EMS agency directors via a cover letter (to the draft) reinforcing the importance of dealing with the issues. Tasks to be done by Inch, Harris, Baucom, Pletz, Osur, Hastings. Drew/Karsteadt/c to conduct conference call with EMSAAC Board prior to next Governance meeting.

- XI. **Alaska Air Crash** (Brodfuhrer)—Summarized issues related to the crash and its impact on Ventura EMS. Learned of the incident from radio news; LA called Ventura. Federal Family Assistance Plan for Aviation Disasters, a FEMA document, is very helpful. The local Medical Examiner is in charge, but needs help. Getting a DMORT takes 36 hours, one will be established in Sacramento. EMS acted as support for medical examiners office in working with families, performed PIO functions.
- XII. **Methods of Sharing Information**—not covered.
- XIII. **Information Flow, State Medical Disaster Plan**—not covered.
- XIV. **EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee**—not covered.
- XV. **EMSA Report**--(Watson) AB 256-- sees no improvement in current proposal. Pertrach-- EMDAC Scope of Practice committee did not change their position. Letters will be going out to delete this procedure from the optional scope of practice. It is still eligible as a trial study. Unclear if this applies to Pertach only or to all surgical airway techniques. EMSA does not have sufficient reserve in the paramedic fund and there is consideration given to reducing the requirement. Concern about \$ available for the Vision Process. Through an OTS grant and budget appropriation, money has been added. The advisory groups (see item below) met and their 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is scheduled. DMAT backup cache will be stored in Sacramento. Ukraine trip is May 13.

(Rubin) Supports the MV disaster project. Terrorism funding \$ are being centralized and will be available through OES. System assessments will be done and OES will distribute \$. A draft policy to determine who gets regional medical money will be available for comment soon. November 9 is the annual hospital/ambulance statewide disaster exercise. Medically Fragile document from EMSA is useful. Conferences will be prior to the exercise in October. NDMS conference is late April, early June.

**XVI. Watson Advisory Committee,** Operations Task Force, Medical Direction Task Force --see above

**XVII. Organization Representative Reports**

**ENA** (Ogar) Legislative visits were part of their meeting in Sacramento last month, the Tri-state conference is in May. National stats for EDs are available for 1998. Jan will put out email for ordering information.

**Cal Fire Chiefs**--Big 5 (representing fire persons on Vision Committees) met to discuss the legislative moratorium. It was decided not to extend the moratorium as things are moving so well with the Vision process that there is no need for the moratorium. Official notification will be forthcoming. Cooperative efforts are apparent in LA.

**EMDAC**—no report

**CHEAC**—no report

**XVII. EMS Commission Agenda**--no EMS Commission meeting this month.

**XVIII. Olmstead Retirement** (Hastings) Reviewed Jeanie's career with EMS and presented a letter from Leonard. Presentation of a plaque from EMSAAC was delayed. Drew/Karsteadt/c to make Jeanne a formal honorary member of EMSAAC.

**XIX.** (Osur) Should there be a meeting in May to discuss legislation and the vision processes? June is the general membership meeting. Should we consider meeting in conjunction with the conference? No action was taken. The Overcrowding Task Force needs a replacement for Abbie. Lathrop volunteered.

**XX.** Next meeting will be June 27 from 0900-1600 (**Note time change.**) Meeting will be at Embassy Suites, South San Francisco and will be followed by a dinner for Abby, contact Pletz for details.